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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS THE CITY OF DAISSETTA \$3,881,000

DAISETTA, TEXAS, March 16, 2005 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that the City of Daisetta was awarded \$3,881,000 through the agency's Community Programs Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. To highlight this event, a ceremonial check will be presented to the Mayor of Daisetta. The funds will be used to construct a pond type treatment facility. The facility will consist of two stabilization ponds, a recycle pump station, a chlorination system and a collection system.

"It is always an exciting day when we see USDA Rural Development funds at work," said Daniel. "With this funding, residents in Daisetta will have a consistent supply of clean and safe water."

USDA Rural Development's water and wastewater program is designed to bring fresh, clean drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents. Loans and grants are available to rural communities with fewer than 10,000 residents. In fiscal year 2004, \$90.4 million of loan and grant assistance was infused into 82 projects and assisted 228,034 rural Texans.

USDA Rural Development's community programs enhance the quality of life for rural Texans by funding new and improved water and wastewater facilities, providing funds to governmental entities, non-profit organizations and Indian Tribes to enlarge, improve or construct schools, libraries, medical clinics, assisted living centers, public buildings, community centers.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 with a mission to use our resources to help enhance the quality of life for the nation's rural residents. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Huntsville office at (936) 291-1901, Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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